RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government thought that it was necessary to appoint a special prosecutor and so he was appointed.

MR. K. PADMANAHHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether there are not Sirkar Vakils at Alleppey?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know why this case was not entrusted to those Sirkar Vakils.

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): This is not a novel procedure. There were occasions in the past when special prosecutors were appointed. Following that precedent Government appointed a special prosecutor in this case also.

The Compensation for Improvements Bill.

128 ❋ **MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE** (*Muvattupuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of memorials and resolutions received by them and the protest meetings held by the public of Travancore protesting against the passing of the Compensation for Improvements Bill into Law?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Seven telegrams and resolutions passed at seventeen meetings have been received.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I know whether any action was taken on those representations?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They are all with the Government. The Bill, as honourable members know, is before the Upper House and Government do not think that any action is necessary until they see in what form it emerges from the Upper House.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know the localities from which the telegrams and memorials were received by Government?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is a large number from various places. Most of them are from Central and North Travancore.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I ask whether these memorials have been engineered by a few and whether all the meetings have been held under the presidency of the same individual?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

Legislation for reduction of rate of interest.

129. ❋**MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have in contemplation any legislation to reduce the rate of interest to 6 per cent. as a relief to the ryots and other classes of people of the country?

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MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): No.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether this House has not recently passed a Bill reducing the rate of interest?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkr Vakil*): Yes.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): Then why is it stated that the answer is 'no'?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The question asks whether Government have in contemplation any legislation to reduce interest to six per cent not only to ryots but also to other classes of people. The answer is that it is not in contemplation and it does not relate to all classes of people.

PRESIDENT: Another answer might be that this answer was prepared before the Bill was passed by this House.

Realisation of interest from Forest Contractors.

130. * MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Conservator of Forests has issued orders to the Kottayam Divisional Forest Officer to recover interests at 12 per cent. from the defaulters in payment?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know the reasons for raising the rate of interest from six to twelve per cent?

MR K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is intended, in the first place, to secure uniformity in the rate of interest to be recovered from defaulters in all the Forest Divisions; in the second place, to see that there is no default in payment.

Acting graduate teachers.

131. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number and the names of graduate teachers now in service, who have been acting as such for a total period of 7 years or more;

(*b*) the number and the names of graduate teachers now in service who have been acting as such for a total period of 5 years or more; and

(*c*) the reasons why those referred to in parts (*a*) and (*b*) have not been confirmed hitherto?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) and (*b*) * Statements furnishing the information are laid on the table.

(*c*) Partly owing to the fact that the question of the waiting list was under consideration and partly owing to the orders of Government in connection with the standardisation of salaries.

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